Drawing Water from the Well of Salvation

Isaiah 12 is a prophecy of the New Covenant

First, God promises never to be angry with us again

'And in that day you will say: "O Lord, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, your anger is turned away, and you comfort me"

(Isa.12:1)

"For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has mercy on you' (Isa.54:9-10)

'Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation' (Isa.12:3)

- √This is the central verse or chorus of this song
- ✓At the new birth God gives us a well of salvation. 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life' (Jn.4:13-14)
- ✓ We can draw living water from the well of salvation
- **✓ At Elim God provided 12 wells and 70 palm trees**

- ✓ How does a person cope without the well of salvation? What does he turn to? He will try to drink from substitute well of the flesh, self
- √When these fail he seeks outside of self created things, other people, etc.
- √The woman at the well sought for water from others and from religion
- √These are all broken cisterns. They will never quench our thirst. But people keep returning to them, thinking they can satisfy, and this establishes the pattern of addiction

At the new birth God provides wells of salvation, i.e. inner springs of life, 'All my springs are in You' (Psa.87:7). 'The Spirit of truth ... dwells with you and will be in you' (Jn.14:16,17). See also 1 Cor.3:16

So these springs of life are placed in us like an artesian well providing a constant supply of water welling up

Artesian wells are supplied with water which is trapped by impermeable rocks from both above and below. The water pressure is so great that the water is forced out at the surface by means of the well which is bored into the groundwater. The well needs little or no pumping to raise the water. The pressure produces the fountain

The supernatural life of Christ is hiding in the pressure you feel as a result of your greatest weakness, your most embarrassing failure, your deepest fear and your biggest problem

We just need to draw on this living water. But how? The woman said to Jesus, 'You have nothing to draw with...'

√'And in that day you will <u>say</u>...' The key to drawing water from these wells is in what we <u>say</u>. The fountain-head, which is the opening at the <u>surface</u>, is our mouth: 'The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life' (Prov.10:11)

- ✓ The problem is that we have 2 kinds of springs
 (spirit and flesh) but only one opening. 'Out of the
 same mouth proceed blessing and cursing.
 Brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a
 spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the
 same opening?' (James 3:10-11). When we speak
 we either draw water from the well of life or death
- ✓ Thus we eat the fruit of our lips. 'Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit' (Prov.18:21). 'A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth...' (Prov.13:2)

- ✓ Jesus said, '...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things' (Matt.12:34-35)
- ✓ Our mouth is a fountain-head, like a nozzle connected to a pressurized water hose which when turned on releases the waters to flow out. The waters are under an internal pressure and just need an opening in order to flow
- ✓ That opening is a believing heart and a confessing mouth

Isaiah 12 gives us 6 ways we can draw living water from the well of salvation

1) Praise

'And in that day you will say: "O Lord, I will praise You"...And in that day you will say: "Praise the Lord" (Isa.12:1,4)

Praise speaks to God

Praise magnifies God over our situation and invites Him into our circumstances

2) Confession

'Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'for Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation'" (Isa.12:2)

- ✓ Through confession we speak to ourself
- ✓ 'Confession' is from the Greek word homologia
- ✓ We confess that God has become our salvation, i.e. that He has, He does and He will save us
- ▼ Therefore, we will trust and not be afraid. For the LORD is our strength

'But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation'

(Rom.10:8-10)

'And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak'

(2 Cor.4:13)

3) Prayer

'...call upon His name...'
(Isa.12:4)

Prayer speaks to God

David encouraged himself in the LORD

When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, an angel came and strengthened Him

4) Witnessing to others

'...Declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted...'

(Isa.12:4)

Our witness testifies to others

Share testimonies of how God has blessed, helped, saved you

5) Singing

'Sing to the Lord, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth' (Isa.12:5)

Singing speaks to the Lord

Paul and Silas sang hymns at midnight whilst in prison, after being beaten

It resulted in an earthquake and the salvation of the jailor and his family

6) Shout for joy

'Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!'

(Isa.12:6)

Shouting speaks to our enemies

Sometimes we need to shout for joy, to crowd out the competing voices that would rob us of our joy and victory

'On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink...'

(Jn.7:37)

This is a work of grace under the New Covenant

""As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore"

(Isa.59:21)